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## **CLL CASE REPORT**

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## CLL Case report – Clinical history (2022)

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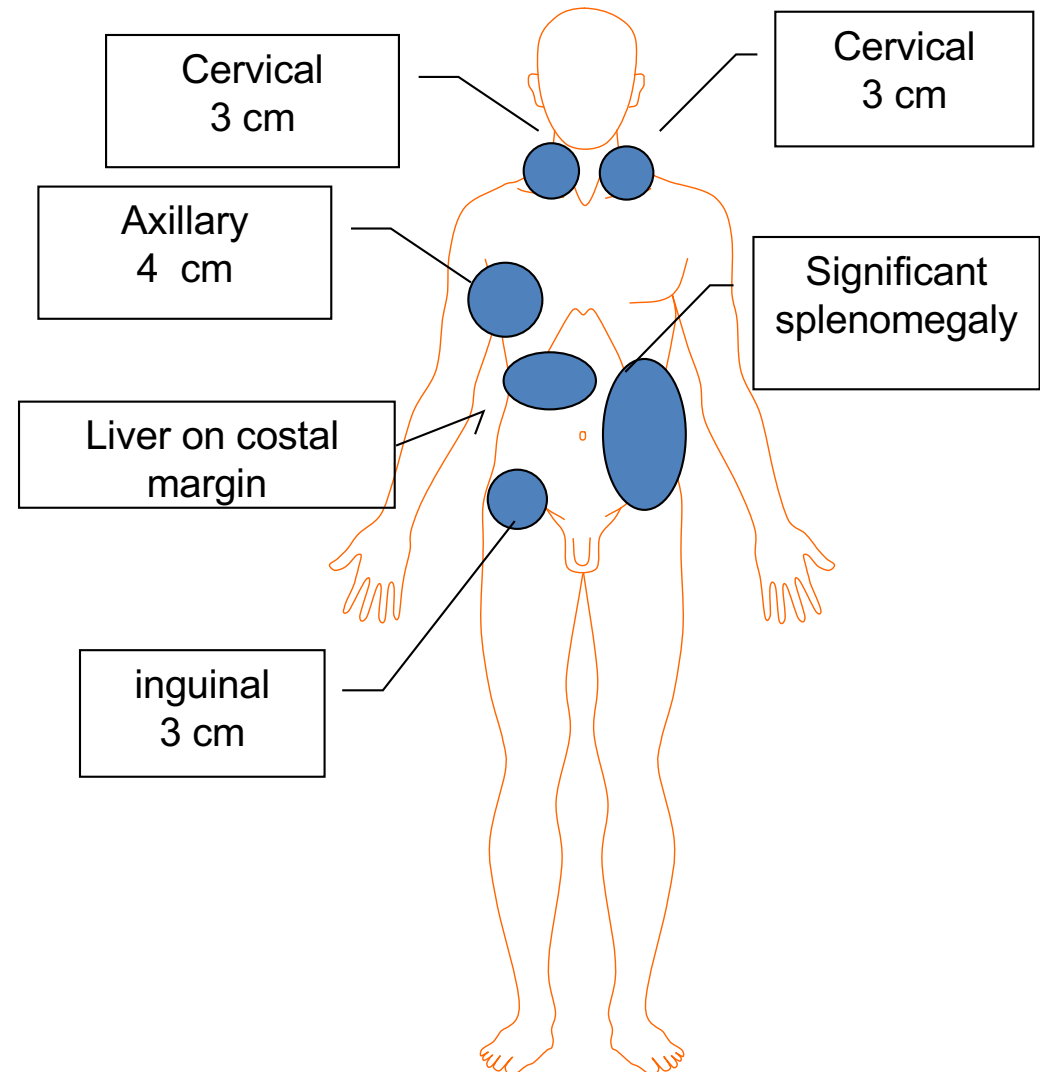
- ✓ Male, 78-years-old at diagnosis, ECOG-PS 0
- ✓ Hypertension, dyslipidaemia, ischemic cardiopathy, previous episode of atrial fibrillation in DOACs
- ✓ He was referred to our institution for a thrombocytopenia, adenopathies and splenomegaly

# Laboratory tests and physical examination (2022)

## Laboratory tests

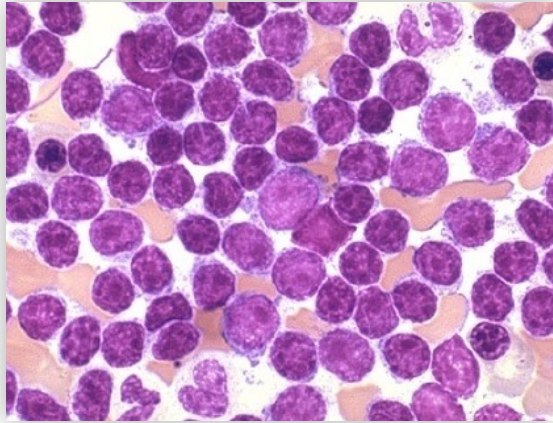
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WBC	<b>89 x10<sup>9</sup>/l</b>	4.0-10.0 x10 <sup>9</sup> /l
ALC	<b>85 x10<sup>9</sup>/l</b>	1.0-4.5 x10 <sup>9</sup> /l
Hb	<b>10.4 g/l</b>	135-175 g/l
PLT	<b>74 x10<sup>9</sup>/l</b>	150-450 x10 <sup>9</sup> /l
Total bilirubin	10 mmol/l	3-22 mmol/l
LDH	432 IU/l	208-450 IU/l
IgG	<b>3.6 g/l</b>	6-16 g/l
IgA	<b>0.8 g/l</b>	0.9-4.5 g/l
IgM	<b>0.3 g/l</b>	0.5-2 g/l
B2M	<b>3.0 mg/l</b>	0-2.3 mg/l
HCV serology	negative	
HIV serology	negative	
HBsAg	negative	
HBcAb/HBsAb	Negative	
DAT/IAT	negative	

## Physical examination Lymphadenopathy and splenomegaly



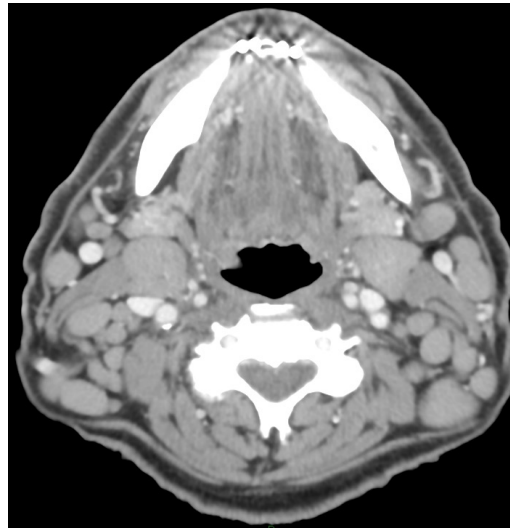
## CLL Case report – Staging (2022)

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### **Bone marrow biopsy:**

massive infiltration by  
small B lymphocytes  
CD5+CD23+(90%)



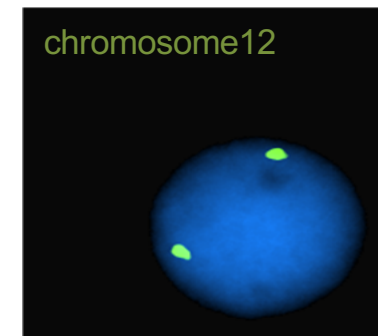
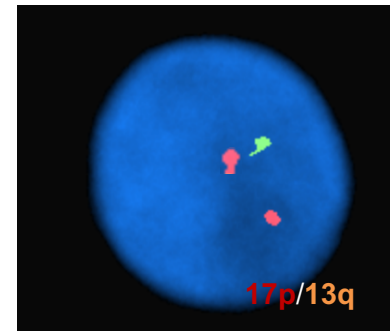
### **CT:**

lymphadenopathy –  
max 4-5 cm nodes  
at multiple sites,  
splenomegaly 20 cm

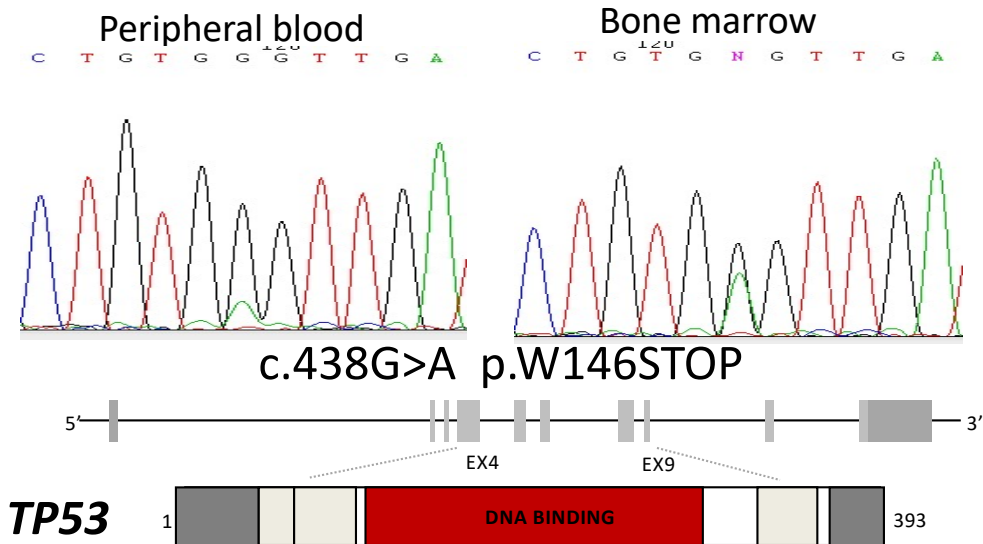


# Clinical case: Biological parameters

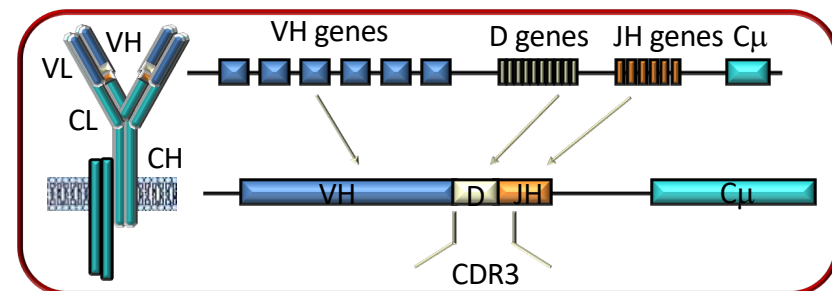
- ✓ Fluorescence *in situ* hybridisation (FISH): 17p deletion



- ✓ *TP53* mutational status: MUTATED



- ✓ UnMutated *IGHV* 4-34\*01



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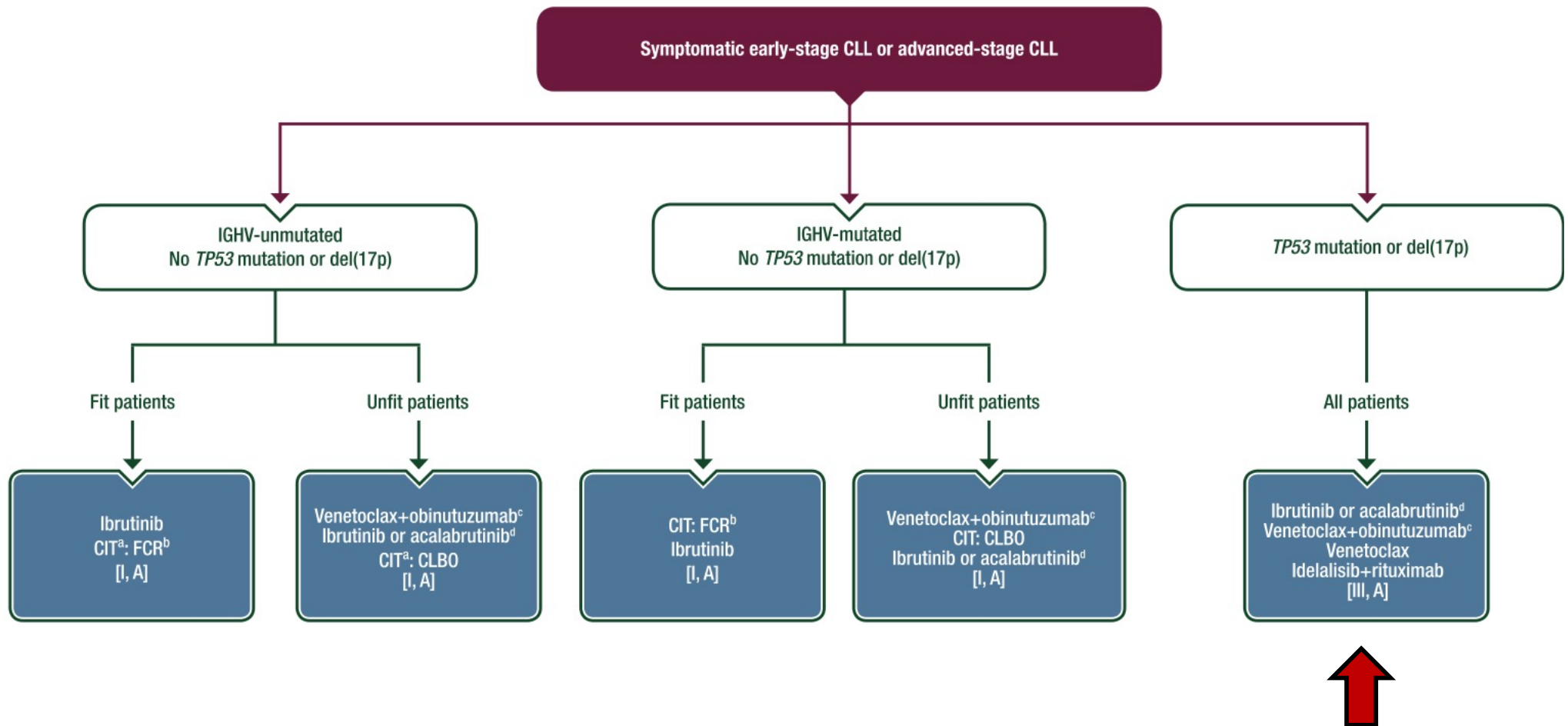
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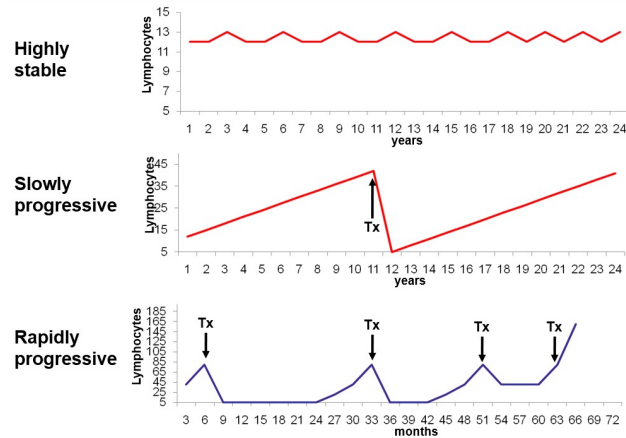
NEED FOR TREATMENT

# Treatment algorithm



# CLL pts management depends on different variables

## Biological and clinical features of disease



## Patient features

- Age
- Comorbidities
- ECOG-PS
- Bone marrow reserve
- QoL



## Treatment adopted

- CHT vs small molecules
- Fixed vs until PD treatment



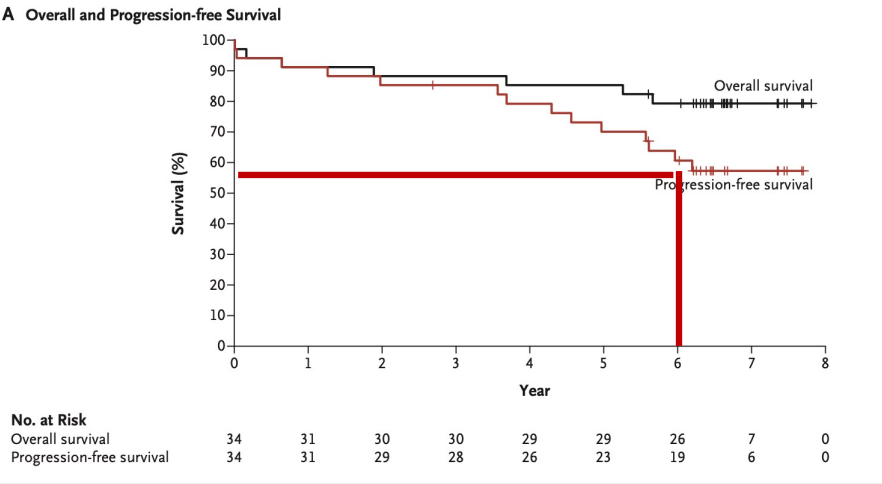
TREATMENT DECISION,  
SUPPORTIVE CARE AND  
LONG TERM MANAGEMENT

## Complications

- Infections (COVID era)
- Autoimmunity
- Secondary neoplasia

# BTKi are highly active in *TP53* disrupted patients

## IBRUTINIB Phase 2 trial

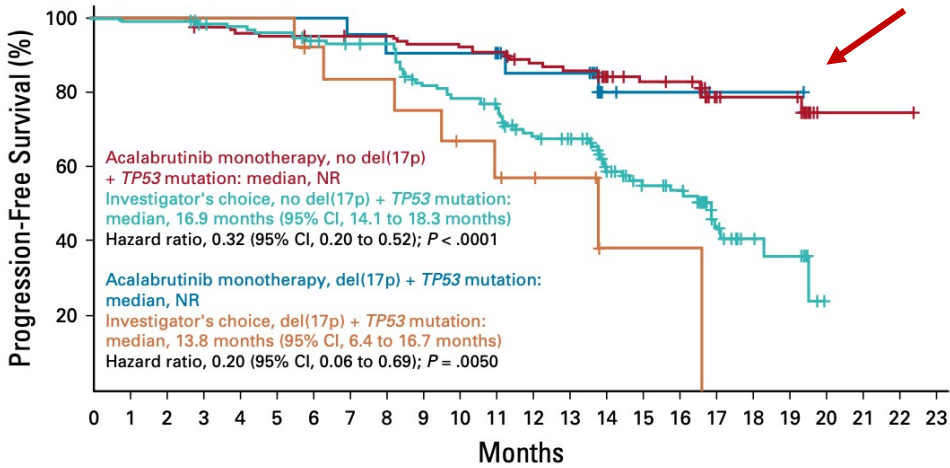


B Summary of Survival

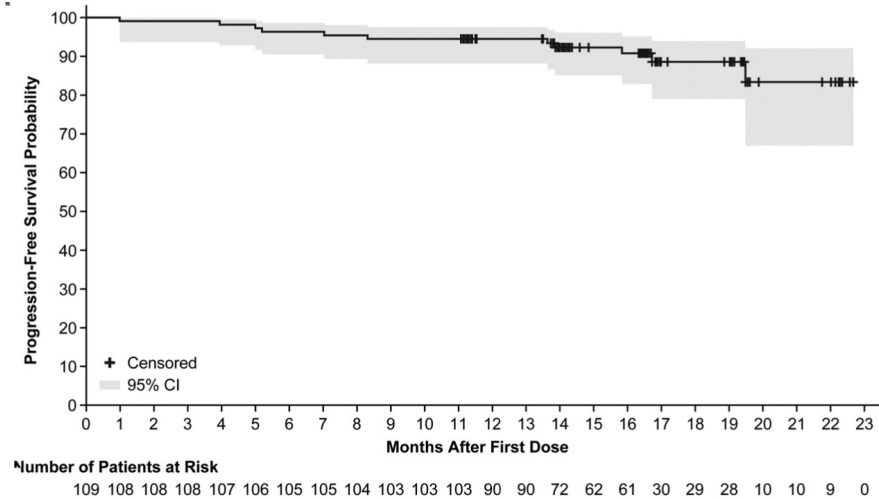
	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr
			% (95% CI)		
Overall Survival	88 (78–100)	88 (78–100)	85 (74–98)	85 (74–98)	79 (67–94)
Progression-free Survival	85 (74–98)	85 (74–98)	79 (67–94)	70 (56–88)	61 (46–80)

In ibrutinib arm CLL with *TP53* anomalies have 6y PFS: 61%

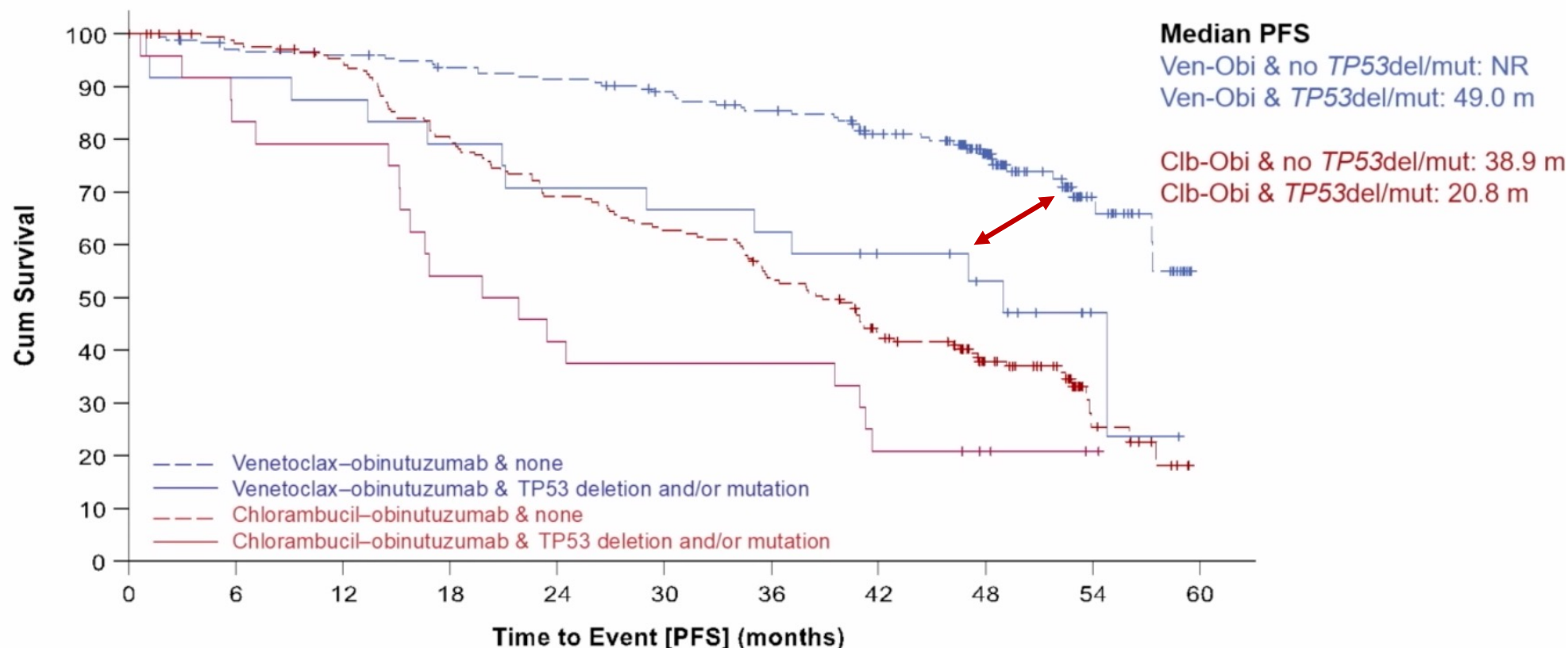
## ACALABRUTINIB ASCEND



## ZANUBRUTINIB ARM-C SEQUOIA TRIAL



# Clinical impact of *TP53* in the CLL14 trial (Obinutuzumab-venetoclax)



- ✓ Ven-Obi improves, but not abolishes, the negative prognostic impact of *TP53* disruption (mPFS 49 months)
- ✓ Lower number pts (8.5% 17pDel and *TP53* Mut 11% CLL-14 trial population) and shorter FU compared to ibrutinib

## PROs and CONs of BTKi and BCL2i in front line setting

	BTKi	BCL2i
PROs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Easy to initiate and low risk of TLS</li><li>• Effective in all prognostic group</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limited duration therapy</li><li>• Low toxicity and very tolerable profile once ramped up</li><li>• Limited duration may reduce risk of resistance mutations?</li></ul>
CONs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuous therapy</li><li>• Cardiovascular side-effects</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logistic of TLS monitoring</li><li>• <i>TP53</i> aberrant and IGHV unmutated lower PFS</li></ul>



Ibrutinib is probably more effective than BCL2i in CLL pts harboring *TP53* disruptions, BUT it has significant cardiovascular side-effects



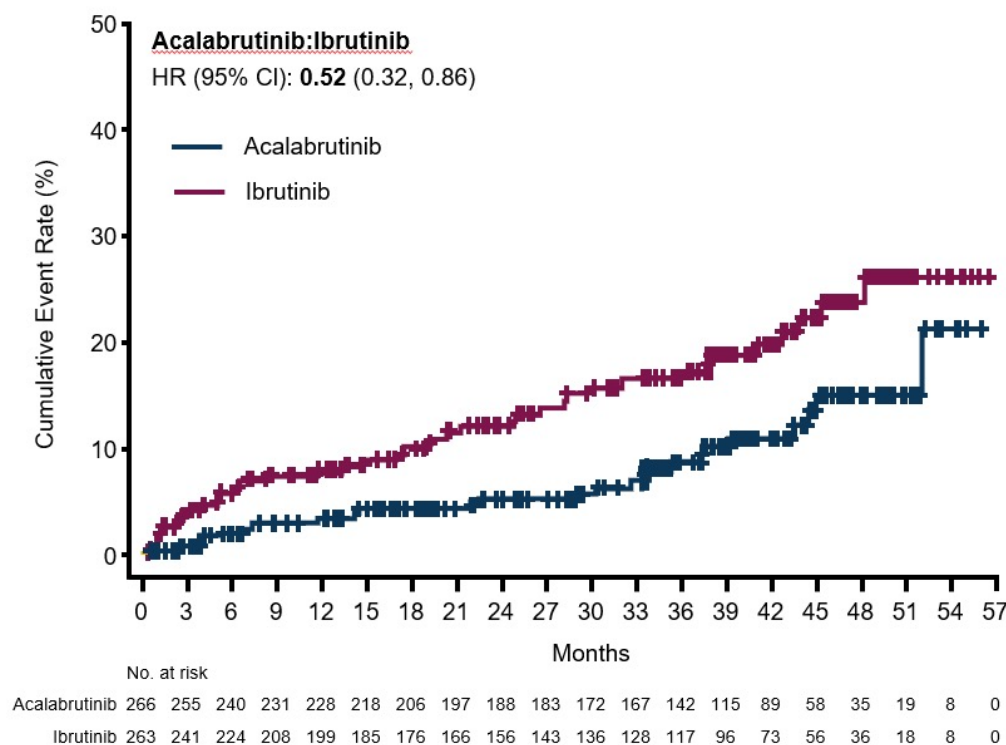
2nd generation BTKis show a lower incidence of side-effect, especially cardiovascular toxicity

## Incidence of F is lower with acalabrutinib than ibrutinib in ELEVATE RR trial (Del17p De11q R/R CLL)

	Any grade	
	Acalabrutinib (n=266)	Ibrutinib (n=263)
Atrial fibrillation/flutter	25 (9.4)*, <sup>a</sup>	42 (16.0) <sup>a</sup>
Events/100 person-months	0.366	0.721
Time to onset, months, median (range)	28.8 (0.4–52.0)	16.0 (0.5–48.3)
Leading to treatment discontinuation <sup>b</sup>	0	7 (16.7)
Afib/flutter incidence among patients without prior history of afib/flutter	15/243 (6.2)	37/249 (14.9)

**Incidence of Atrial fibrillation/flutter of any grade were significantly lower with acalabrutinib vs ibrutinib (9.4% vs 16%; **P=0.02**)**

**Cumulative incidence of atrial fibrillation/flutter is lower with acalabrutinib (HR 0.52)**



## Incidence of AF is lower with zanubrutinib than ibrutinib in ALPINE phase 3 trial (R/R CLL)

- ✓ Median FU: 15 months
- ✓ Discontinuation 11% zanubrutinib vs 24% ibrutinib
- ✓ Discontinuation for AEs: 7% zanubrutinib vs 13 % ibrutinib

Safety Analysis Population	Zanubrutinib (n=204), n (%)		Ibrutinib (n=207), n (%)	
	Any Grade	Grade ≥3	Any Grade	Grade ≥3
Cardiac disorders <sup>a</sup>	28 (13.7)	5 (2.5)	52 (25.1)	14 (6.8)
<b>Atrial fibrillation and flutter (key 2<sup>o</sup> endpoint)</b>	<b>5 (2.5)</b>	<b>2 (1.0)</b>	<b>21 (10.1)</b>	<b>4 (1.9)</b>
Hemorrhage	73 (35.8)	6 (2.9)	75 (36.2)	6 (2.9)
Major hemorrhage <sup>b</sup>	6 (2.9)	6 (2.9)	8 (3.9)	6 (2.9)
Hypertension	34 (16.7)	22 (10.8)	34 (16.4)	22 (10.6)
Infections	122 (59.8)	26 (12.7)	131 (63.3)	37 (17.9)
Neutropenia <sup>c</sup>	58 (28.4)	38 (18.6)	45 (21.7)	31 (15.0)
Thrombocytopenia <sup>c</sup>	19 (9.3)	7 (3.4)	26 (12.6)	7 (3.4)
Secondary primary malignancies	17 (8.3)	10 (4.9)	13 (6.3)	4 (1.9)
Skin cancers	7 (3.4)	3 (1.5)	10 (4.8)	2 (1.0)

### AEs of Special Interest

Lower rate of atrial fibrillation and flutter with zanubrutinib (2.5% vs 10%)

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### **TREATMENT**

FEB 2022: Start zanubrutinib compassionate use

### **FOLLOW UP**

APR 2022: no relevant toxicities (>2), significant reduction of adenopathies and splenomegaly

*Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity*  
*Simone Weil*

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

